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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

PHILIPPE DUPUY : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/FR00/02142)

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: METHOD FOR OPTICALLY
PUMPING A LIGHT AMPLIFYING
MEDIUM AND AN OPTICAL
PUMPING MODULE FOR
IMPLEMENTING THIS METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 13-24 as follows:

13. (New) A method for optically pumping a light amplifying medium, wherein at least one light source is used for optically pumping the amplifying medium and the amplifying medium is encircled by a reflector, a wall of the reflector is configured to reflect the light from the source, wherein the reflector is partly or totally diffusive and a beam directly stemming from the source is sent towards the wall of the reflector so that this beam

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